IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION of

entor(s): Mills

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, INCLUDING SUBMISSION OF: (1) AMENDMENT; (2) RULE 132 DECLARATION AND NEW EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE; (3) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; AND (4) REQUEST FOR FULL CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSE FILED JANUARY 3, 2002

Hon. Asst. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant files this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in this case pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 300 as follows:

300. A compound comprising at least one increased binding energy hydride ion having a binding energy greater than 0.8 eV and at least one other element, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of KHF, KHCI, KHBr, KHI, RbHF, RrHCL, RbHBr, RbHI, CsHF, CsHCL, CsHBr, CsHI, CaHCI, CaHBr, CaHI, SrHF, SrHCL. SrHBr, and SiH. --

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